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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 34, 2/2/2017; SB 242, 2/15/2017; SB 307, 2/20/2017
Executive Action: SR 34, Be Adopted; SB 307, Do Pass; SB 197, Do Pass As Amended;
SB 234, Do Pass As Amended

00:00:06 Chair Salomon
00:01:07 Vice Chair McClafferty assumed the role of the chair.

HEARING ON SR 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 34, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:43 Bob Brown, Montana Historical Society, Governor's appointee
00:09:23 Chuck Johnson, Montana Historical Society, Governor's appointee
00:10:34 Crystal Wong Shors, Montana Historical Society, Governor's appointee
00:12:05 Thomas Nygard, Montana Historical Society, Governor's appointee
00:12:50 Jude Sheppard, Montana Historical Society, Governor's appointee
00:13:53 Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)
00:14:58 Kirk Miller, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:01 Sen. Regier
00:16:48 Mr. Whittenberg, MHS
00:17:11 Chair McClafferty

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:38 Sen. Salomon

00:18:05 Brief Recess
00:23:07 Reconvened

00:23:13 Chair Salomon resumed the role as the chair.

HEARING ON SB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:32 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 242, Encourage high schools to administer civics test.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:19 Roger Hagan, Department of the American Legion for the state of Montana
EXHIBIT(eds37a01)

00:32:22 Sen. Jones entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:06 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:37:00 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

00:40:15 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education

00:41:45 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

00:42:19 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

00:43:32 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

00:46:25 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:46 Sen. Regier

00:50:38 Sen. Malek

00:50:49 Sen. McClafferty

00:51:15 Sen. Malek

00:51:55 Chair Salomon

00:52:17 Sen. Malek

00:53:40 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:48 Sen. Malek

00:56:33 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON SB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:38 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 307, Revise K-12 school funding laws to address facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:10 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

01:28:20 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

01:33:23 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

01:34:26 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

01:35:53 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:38:24 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:50 Sen. Regier

01:41:22 Sen. Jones

01:43:21 Sen. Regier

01:43:41 Sen. Facey

01:47:56 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

01:49:39 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

01:50:35 Sen. Facey

01:50:51 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

01:51:01 Sen. Tempel

01:51:31 Mr. Melton

01:52:55 Chair Salomon

01:53:53 Sen. Jones

01:54:56 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:05 Sen. Jones

01:59:50 Chair Salomon

02:01:32 Brief Recess

02:14:31 Reconvened

02:14:33 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 34

02:14:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SR 34 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307

02:15:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 307 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 197

02:16:39 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 197 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:16:51 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:17:34 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 197 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds37a03)

Discussion:

02:17:46 Mr. McCracken, LSD

02:18:39 Sen. McClafferty

02:19:01 Chair Salomon

02:19:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

02:19:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 197 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

02:20:01 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 234 DO PASS.**

02:20:30 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 234 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds37a04)

Discussion:

02:20:48 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:21:36 Sen. Facey

02:22:03 Mr. McCracken, LSD

02:22:07 Sen. Facey

02:22:27 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

02:22:49 Mr. McCracken

02:22:52 Mr. Parman, MREA

02:23:24 Sen. McClafferty

02:23:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

02:23:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 234 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel and Sen. L. Jones voting no.
Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

02:25:05 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([eds37aad.pdf](#))